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the specification of which is attached hereto.

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All foreign applications, if any, for any patent or inventor's certificate filed more than 12 months (6 months for design) prior to the filing date of this application.

None

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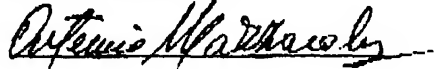
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Sir:


The above-identified application qualifies for small entity status. This written assertion of small entity status should satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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